Fourthly, the present management of the hostel attached to the Special School for Malayala Brahmins at Kulakkada was defective in more ways than one. In the first place, admission to the school was now granted to all kinds of people who called themselves Malayala Brahmins. There was no effort made to restrict the admission to real Malayala Brahmins. Secondly, there was now much waste in the management of the hostel. The management should therefore be entrusted to a committee consisting of the head-master of the school and three other real Malayala Brahmins. Admissions into the school should be made by this committee and they should take only real Malayala Brahmin pupils.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru, I do not think it would be quite right for me here in the Assembly to decide upon the acceptance, or rejection of the Namputiri Bill and the Jenmi Kudiyan Bill which are engaging the attention of another house. But I can promise you this. I shall consider the question of the appointment of a committee.

In regard to the other question of the appointment of qualified Malayala Brahmins, as a matter of fact, you know the Government have been appointing Malayala Brahmins. I can at the moment recall two cases of graduates who had been appointed in the last year or so.

MEMBER: There is only one such. Ever so many came but they are not real Malayala Brahmins.

DEWAN: Government are always keeping in mind the question of giving appointments to Malayala Brahmins strictly such.

In regard to the management of the hostel attached to the Kulakada Special School I see the departmental officer is not in favour of that arrangement; but as you and other Namputiri Brahmins feel so keenly about it, I shall have the matter re-examined.

MEMBER: Only very few Malayala Brahmins are nominated in the Municipal Councils etc.

DEWAN: Even now a good many of Namputiri Brahmins are getting themselves nominated.

MEMBER: They are not real Malayala Brahmins.

DEWAN: I shall try and learn when a Namputiri is not a Namputiri.

149. Needs of the Malayala Brahmins.

MR. P. C. NARAYANAN BHATTATIRI (*Member, Jenmies, Quilon Division*) said that Malayala Brahmins as a class were still very backward in education. The special schools established for them at Kumaranallur and Tiruvalla had to be stopped for want of boys. If education was to make headway among them, Government should first make primary education compulsory and then set a premium on higher education by the award of scholarships. For the latter purpose, Government could take possession of the various Brahmaswom properties, under the Charitable Endowments Regulation, and divert them for the award of scholarships.

Secondly, Government should nominate at least one representative of the Malayala Brahmin community to the Legislative Council and the Popular Assembly.

Thirdly, Malayala Brahmins should be appointed in greater numbers in the public service.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Narayanan Bhattatiri, in the matter of schools every endeavour will be made to ensure that the schools are properly conducted. If you want compulsory primary education for Malayala Brahmin boys, I am afraid that it is not possible to legislate for one community alone. The reason why the Malayala Brahmin community is backward in education is not that they are poor but because they are very conservative and therefore the need for scholarships does not arise. I think they must take better advantage of the special schools.

You have heard what I have already said on the subject of representation in the Council and the Assembly and in the public service.

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